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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF PAUL REISTRUP, PRESIDENT OF AMTRAK

REF: A. STATE 208949; B. ROME 12380; C. STATE 195089

1. REISTRUP LUNCH (SUGGESTED REFTEL A, PARA 1) WITH RAILWAY DIRECTOR GENERAL MAYER TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 30 IN BOLOGNA. LOCATION AND TIME SHOULD BE CONFIRMED WITH MAYER UPON ARRIVAL.

2. EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP WITH DR. DE GENNARO, SECRETARY TO MAYER, RE OCTOBER 3-5 ROME VISIT RECONFIRMED ABSENCE OF ALL OFFICIALS "UNIQUELY QUALIFIED" AS DESCRIBED REFTEL A, PARA 2 DURING PERIOD OF PROPOSED REISTRUP VISIT. INDIVIDUALS TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL POINTS RAISED REFTEL C (ING. MARIO PICIOCCHI, TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICE; DR. MARIO FERRETTI, COMMERCE AND TRAFFIC SERVICE; AND PROF. PAOLINO CAMPOSANO, CARS AND ENGINES SERVICE) WILL BE IN BOLOGNA AT LEAST THROUGH OCTOBER 5. THUS, REISTRUP MAY WISH TO PROLONG HIS STAY IN BOLOGNA IN HOPES OF ARRANGING THE DESIRED DISCUSSIONS. IF THIS IS REISTRUP'S DESIRE, DE GENNARO SUGGESTS THAT APPOINTMENTS BE MADE UPON REISTRUP'S ARRIVAL IN BOLOGNA. HOWEVER DE GENNARO IS NOT OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING POSSIBILITIES FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS DURING ACTUAL RAILWAY CONGRESS -- WHICH LASTS THROUGH OCTOBER 5 -- SINCE MAJOR ITALIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE FULLY INVOLVED IN THE MEETING.

3. APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR VOLPE ARRANGED FOR 11:30

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3. IF REISTRUP DECIDES TO REMAIN BOLOGNA,

THIS CAN BE CHANGED.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.VOLPE

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